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FOR : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MONITORING A  
VASCULAR ACCESS DURING A DIALYSIS  
TREATMENT  
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**AMENDMENT**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 13, 1999, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows. The three month shortened statutory period for response to the Office Action is set to expire on January 13, 1999.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 2, 8 and 10 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of monitoring a vascular access during a dialysis treatment using a dialyzer subdivided into a blood chamber by a semipermeable membrane into a blood chamber and a dialysis fluid chamber, the method comprising:

passing blood through an arterial blood line of an extracorporeal blood circulation path into the blood chamber and returning the blood from the blood chamber through a venous blood line of the extracorporeal blood circulation path;